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TITLE OF INVENTION: ELECTROCHEMILUMINESCENCE FLOW CELL AND FLOW CELL COMPONENTS

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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/600,164	KUMAR ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	NEIL TURK	1797	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- This communication is responsive to Examiner-initiated interview on 2/5/09.
- The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5,6,8,10-19,25-27,29-38,42-53 and 62-64.
- Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - All
 - Some*
 - None
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- Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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- Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- Notice of Informal Patent Application
- Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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- Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

This Office Action fully acknowledges discussions by the Examiner with Applicant's representative, John Lazarus, on February 5th 2009. During the Examiner-initiated interview, the Examiner discussed amending claims 1, 2, 37, and 38 to recite "a platinum alloy consisting essentially of:" instead of the previously recited "a platinum alloy comprising:" On February 17th, 2009, Applicant's representative authorized such a change to the claims, and Examiner indicated that such a change would be made by way of an Examiner's Amendment and the Notice of Allowance would also be issued.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-19, 25-27, 29-38, 42-53, and 62-64 are allowed. Claims 3, 4, 7, 9, 20-24, 28, 39-41, and 54-61 have been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Lazarus on February 17th, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. An electrochemiluminescence cell comprising:

a. a working electrode and a counter electrode, wherein at least one of said electrodes comprises a platinum alloy comprising consisting essentially of:
a first predetermined weight percent of platinum; and
a second predetermined weight percent of iridium;
wherein said first predetermined weight percent is from 70% to 90% and wherein
said second predetermined weight percent is from 10% to 30%; and
b. a light detector and/or a transparent portion of said cell in optical
registration with said working electrode;
wherein the counter electrode is disposed adjacent to the working electrode and
the light detector and/or the transparent portion.

2. The cell of claim 1, wherein the working electrode and the counter
electrode each comprise a platinum alloy comprising consisting essentially of:
a first predetermined weight percent of platinum; and
a second predetermined weight percent of iridium;
and the first predetermined weight percent is from 70% to 90% and the second
predetermined weight percent is from 10% to 30%.

37. A method of conducting an electrochemiluminescence assay, the method
comprising the steps of: providing an electrochemiluminescence cell, said cell
comprising:

a. a working electrode and a counter electrode, wherein at least one of said electrodes comprises a platinum alloy comprising consisting essentially of:

 a first predetermined weight percent of platinum; and

 a second predetermined weight percent of iridium;

 wherein said first predetermined weight percent is from 70% to 90% and wherein said second predetermined weight percent is from 10% to 30%; and

 b. a light detector and/or a transparent portion of said cell in optical registration with said working electrode;

 wherein the counter electrode is disposed adjacent to the working electrode and the light detector and/or the transparent portion; and

 inducing electrochemiluminescence in the cell.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the working electrode and the counter electrode each comprise a platinum alloy comprising consisting essentially of:

 a first predetermined weight percent of platinum; and

 a second predetermined weight percent of iridium;

 and the first predetermined weight percent is from 70% to 90% and the second predetermined weight percent is from 10% to 30%.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 10-19, 25-27, 29-38, 42-53, and 62-64 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, particularly Niyama or Liljestrand, do not teach or fairly suggest the electrochemiluminescence cell of claim 1 with an electrode comprising a platinum alloy consisting essentially of the chemical elements recited. Further, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the method of conducting electrochemiluminescence of claim 37 which provides an electrode comprising a platinum alloy consisting essentially of the chemical elements recited. Additionally, the prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the electrochemiluminescence cells of claims 62-64 with the specific electrode alloy compositions recited. This subject matter is further seen to be allowable in view of the unexpected results shown (by Applicant's remarks submitted on 7/17/08) over the prior art of record for the specific electrode alloy compositions of independent claims 1, 37, and 62-64.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NEIL TURK whose telephone number is (571)272-8914. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-630.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jill Warden can be reached on 571-272-1267. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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